From: <u>Wessinger-Hill, JoAnne</u>

To: KENNETH BURGESS; Nelson, Jeff; Hall, Roger; Grube-Lybarker, Carri; MATTHEW GISSENDANNER; Bateman,

<u>Andrew</u>

Cc: Erskine, Randy; Purvis, Melissa; Wessinger-Hill, JoAnne; PSC Contact; Dukes, Jerisha; PSC Attorneys

Subject: Re: [ExternRE: ND-2020-27-E Inquiry Regarding Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated"s Tree Trimming

Practices and the Pros and Cons of Moving Above-Ground Electric Lines and Placing Them Underground

**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2020 10:50:21 PM

#### **Dear Parties:**

Randy Erskine has sent WebEx invitations to all parties in this Docket to participate in a test run. The Test has been scheduled by Mr. Erskine for Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 2:00 pm.

If you did not receive an invite please let me or Mr. Erskine know by reply email with copy to all parties in this matter. Thank you.

Jo Anne Wessinger Hill General Counsel Public Service Commission of South Carolina 803-896-5100

From: KENNETH BURGESS <chad.burgess@dominionenergy.com>

**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 4:33:09 PM

**To:** Wessinger-Hill, JoAnne <JoAnne.Hill@psc.sc.gov>; Nelson, Jeff <jnelson@ors.sc.gov>; Hall, Roger <RHall@scconsumer.gov>; Grube-Lybarker, Carri <clybarker@scconsumer.gov>; MATTHEW GISSENDANNER <matthew.gissendanner@dominionenergy.com>; Bateman, Andrew <abateman@ors.sc.gov>

**Cc:** Erskine, Randy <Randy.Erskine@psc.sc.gov>; Purvis, Melissa <Melissa.Purvis@psc.sc.gov> **Subject:** [External] RE: ND-2020-27-E Inquiry Regarding Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Tree Trimming Practices and the Pros and Cons of Moving Above-Ground Electric Lines and Placing Them Underground

## Jo Anne –

DESC requested a test run in advance of Thursday's hearing because we have two presenters who have not yet participated in a virtual hearing. Would you mind sending a meeting request to this effect? Thank you.

## Chad

From: CHAD BURGESS (Services - 6)
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 2:16 PM

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**Cc:** Erskine, Randy <Randy.Erskine@psc.sc.gov>; Purvis, Melissa <Melissa.Purvis@psc.sc.gov>; Daniel 1 Segura (DEV Generation - 3) <daniel.1.segura@dominionenergy.com>

**Subject:** RE: ND-2020-27-E Inquiry Regarding Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Tree Trimming Practices and the Pros and Cons of Moving Above-Ground Electric Lines and Placing Them Underground

### Jo Anne –

Good afternoon. Attached to this email is DESC's completed form. Also, DESC would like to participate in a test run because we have two presenters who have not yet participated in a virtual hearing before the Commission. Please let us know of some times that work Randy and his team. Thanks!

### Chad

**From:** Wessinger-Hill, JoAnne < <u>JoAnne.Hill@psc.sc.gov</u>>

**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 6:15 PM

**To:** Nelson, Jeff <<u>inelson@ors.sc.gov</u>>; Hall, Roger <<u>RHall@scconsumer.gov</u>>; Grube-Lybarker, Carri <<u>clybarker@scconsumer.gov</u>>; K. Chad Burgess <<u>chad.burgess@scana.com</u>>; MATTHEW GISSENDANNER (Services - 6) <<u>matthew.gissendanner@dominionenergy.com</u>>; Bateman, Andrew <<u>abateman@ors.sc.gov</u>>

**Cc:** Wessinger-Hill, JoAnne < <u>JoAnne.Hill@psc.sc.gov</u>>; Erskine, Randy < <u>Randy.Erskine@psc.sc.gov</u>>; Purvis, Melissa < <u>Melissa.Purvis@psc.sc.gov</u>>

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# Good afternoon.

Pursuant to Commission Order Number 2020- 534 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817, the Public Service Commission will conduct a Virtual Generic Proceeding on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. regarding Dominion's vegetation management (tree trimming) practices and policies, as well as Dominion's underground placement of electric utility lines. So that everyone can connect virtually, there are some important matters that need to be addressed.

Any interested Persons who intend to make a presentation at the Generic Workshop on Thursday, September 17, 2020, must inform the

Commission in writing no later than Thursday, September 03, 2020, by 4:45 p.m., as well as provide your telephone number and email address that you will be using at the time of the proceeding. I will also need to know if you want or need a virtual hearing/proceeding test run. If you have participated in a virtual proceeding with the Commission, you may not need another test run through; however, if this is a new experience or you want refresher, please let me if a test run is needed as soon as possible so that one can be scheduled. Due to other hearings and proceedings during the first two week of September for the Commission, options for scheduling a test run may be limited and your flexibility could be needed.

FIRST, do you want a test run? Some of you may have participated in other Virtual Commission proceedings since March 2020, but some may not. If you want a virtual hearing/proceeding test run with the Commission Technology Staff, we need to ASAP so that it can be scheduled.

IF YOU ARE MAKING A VIRTUAL ORAL ARGUMENT, AND WANT A
TEST RUN WITH COMMISSION TECHNOLOGY STAFF BECAUSE YOU
HAVE NOT DONE THIS BEFORE, PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
SO THAT MR. RANDY ERSKINE CAN CONTACT YOU AND SET UP A
TIME FOR A TEST RUN ON THE VIRTUAL SYSTEM. You can also view
prior virtual hearings on the Commission's website in its archives.

SECOND, but very important, we need information — both the telephone number and email address that you will using and have access to on the date of Oral Argument -- so that you, the Commission, and all parties can connect virtually on the day of the Oral Argument.

<u>VIRTUAL HEARING INFORMATION FORM – REVIEW, CHECK,</u>

<u>COMPLETE AND CONFIRM INFORMATION – RETURN RESPONSE DUE</u>

# **NO LATER THAN 9/3/2020 AT 4:45 PM:**

The attached Form needs to be completed and confirmed by you as containing correct and accurate information. Information which is available from the Commission's DMS was used to start the Form (form information – response due 9/3/20 at 4:45 pm). Please check for accuracy and make any corrections, changes or additions, for anyone who plans to participate and appear at the Generic Proceeding.

Since this proceeding will be conducted virtually, Randy Erskine, parties, interested persons making presentations, the Company, and Commission staff must know the email addresses of the participants, interested persons, parties, their counsel, and anyone making a presentation so that the proper information, instructions, and link can be sent to each person. The telephone number entered on the Form must be the telephone number from which that person/party/counsel shall be using or calling from on the day of and during the virtual proceeding. Each party or participant will receive a copy of this Form for use in connection with the virtual proceeding.

You need only complete the information needed related to you, your co-counsel, participating party(s), or interested person who will make a presentation to the Commission.

Once you have completed your information and confirmed that all information related to you (even that pre-filled for you) is correct, please return the Form as modified or updated to me as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 4:45 p.m.

Please "reply all" with email or correspondence with Commission staff so that there is no inadvertent, accidental ex parte communication in this Docket, regardless if such procedural communication may be exempt by statute. Even though all parties should receive "by reply all" the same information that is sent to Commission staff in response to this email from a party, the Information Form will be compiled into one composite Form and then we will circulate this final Form to you for use during the proceeding.

If any information provided on the Form, or appearing on the final composite Form, is incorrect or needs changes between now, your response, and the hearing day and time (such as , telephone number, email, etc.), it is the sole responsibility of the party or their counsel to promptly and immediately notify the Commission staff in writing regarding such change or correction.

You can do this by email to all parties. Please note that I have included information related to Commission staff concerning this matter on the Form for you.

# THE VIRTUAL PROCEEDING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE COMMISSION WEBSITE:

Please remember that the September 17<sup>th</sup> Proceeding will also be live streamed on the Commission's website so that the public or any others may view the hearing as if they were in attendance in the Commission Hearing Room. The Commission's virtual hearing/proceeding policy is consistent with or similar to the processes followed by the South Carolina court system which urges or recommends the use of virtual hearings due to COVID-19 issues.

# PARTIES, PARTICIPANTS AND ANYONE MAKING A PRESENTATION MUST BE PREPARED TO CONNECT VIRTUALLY ON THE DAY OF THE PROCEEDING AT LEAST ONE-HOUR PRIOR TO THE GENERIC PROCEEDING'S START TIME OF 10:00 A.M.:

You, your party/client, or presenters participating in the Generic

Proceeding will need to be prepared to connect virtually (computer/laptop) and by telephone at least forty minutes to one hour prior to the start of the Oral Argument (i.e., 9:00-9:20 a.m.). It is important to plan accordingly. This time is needed to address any unforeseen technical issues (if any) between everyone and to make sure everything is working as it intended.

# QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND/OR RESPONSES - REMEMBER TO "REPLY ALL":

If you should have any questions or matters that need attention, please do not hesitate to advise but remember any communication with the Commission or its staff must be "reply all."

While this email may be lengthy, it was hoped that the detail will be useful to answers your questions in preparation for the upcoming Generic Proceeding on Thursday, September 17<sup>Th</sup>, 2020. Thank you in advance for completing the Virtual Hearing/Proceeding Information Form. The exact media format used is subject to change up to and on the date of the hearing due to technical issues beyond control.

With kind regards, I am

Jo Anne Wessinger Hill

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